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SUBJECT: ORTOLI TO ISRAEL; SOAMES TO PAKISTAN

1. EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT FRANCOIS ORTOLI WILL PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO ISRAEL MARCH 13-17. TALKS WITH ISRAELI OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER RABIN AND FOREIGN MINISTER ALON, ARE EXPECTED TO FOCUS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1975 EC/ISRAEL AGREEMENT AND THE QUESTION OF ADDING AN ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION CHAPTER TO THE ACCORD.

2. COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SOAMES WILL ALSO BE ABROAD, PAYING AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO PAKISTAN MARCH 13-19. HIS TALKS WITH PAKISTANI OFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED TO CENTER ON THE DISPUTE CONCERNING THE EC'S PHASE OUT PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN TEXTILE RESTRICTIONS IN THE UK, FRANCE AND IRELAND, AS WELL AS THE CURRENTLY STALLED NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN EC/PAKISTAN COMMERCIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, THE GENERAL THRUST OF THE TRIP IS SEEN AS A GOODWILL VISIT DESIGNED MAINLY TO BALANCE AN EARLIER VISIT HE MADE TO INDIA. THUS
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